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Enclosed are:

- [10] pages specification including [14] claims and abstract [1] sheets of formal drawings Figs 1/2 [] Certified copy of Priority Application No. [] Inventor Declaration/Power of Attorney -[] Small Entity Statement -[] Assignment for recording and return to the undersigned [] Assignment Cover sheet/Transmittal [] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE CALCULATION OF THE FILING FEE [] Information Disclosure Statement (Form 1449 + [] Authorization is given to deduct the small entity fee of \$385 from deposit account 21-0760 of the undersigned [X] Self addressed, stamped postcard for advice of Serial No.

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